

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A washer nozzle for a washer system that washes a windshield,
the washer nozzle comprising:

a nozzle body that includes a first body part and a second body part, which are connected
together, wherein:

the first body part is molded from a resin material and includes an inlet opening,
from which washer fluid is inputted into the nozzle body;

the second body part is molded from a resin material separately from the first
body part and includes at least one discharge-jet opening, from which the washer fluid is
outputted from jetted out of the nozzle body against the windshield; and

the first body part and the second body part, which are connected together,
include a fluid passage that communicates between the inlet opening and the at least one
discharge-jet opening;

a check valve that is arranged in the fluid passage of the second body part of the nozzle
body, wherein the check valve permits forward flow of the washer fluid in a first direction from
the inlet opening toward the at least one discharge-jet opening and blocks backflow of the washer
fluid in a second direction opposite from the first direction; and

a filter that is arranged in the fluid passage of the nozzle body between the inlet opening
and the check valve to filter the washer fluid, wherein the filter is formed integrally with the first
body part of the nozzle body, and the check valve is opposed to the filter.

2-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The washer nozzle according to claim 1, wherein:

the first body part of the nozzle body includes a valve seat that is provided in the fluid passage and protrudes in a direction away from the filter toward the check valve;

the check valve is seated against the valve seat when the check valve blocks the backflow of the washer fluid in the second direction; and

the check valve is lifted away from the valve seat when the check valve permits the forward flow of the washer fluid in the first direction.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The washer nozzle according to claim 1, further comprising a spring that is provided in the fluid passage and urges the check valve toward the inlet opening.

8-16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The washer nozzle according to ~~claim 3~~claim 1, further comprising a resilient annular O-ring, wherein:

the second body part includes at least one engaging portion; and

the first body part includes at least one engaging portion, which is engaged with the at least one engaging portion of the second body part to connect the second body part and the first

body part together and thereby to resiliently deform and to clamp the O-ring between the second body part and the first body part.

18. (Currently amended) The washer nozzle according to claim 1, wherein:

the filter includes a plurality of filter holes; and

a maximum width of each filter hole is smaller than an inner diameter of each of the at least one ~~discharge-jet~~ opening.

19. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the fluid passage includes an enlarged passage section, which is located in the first body part at a position adjacent to the filter on an upstream side of the filter and has a passage cross sectional area greater than that of an adjacent upstream portion of the fluid passage, which is located adjacent to the enlarged passage section on an upstream side of the enlarged passage section.

20. (New) A washer nozzle for a washer system that washes a windshield, the washer nozzle comprising:

a nozzle body that includes a first body part and a second body part, which formed separately and are connected together, wherein:

the first body part includes an inlet opening, from which washer fluid is inputted into the nozzle body;

the second body part includes at least one jet opening, from which the washer fluid is jetted out of the nozzle body against the windshield; and

the first body part and the second body part, which are connected together,
include a fluid passage that communicates between the inlet opening and the at least one
jet opening;

a check valve that is arranged in the fluid passage of the second body part of the nozzle
body, wherein the check valve permits forward flow of the washer fluid in a first direction from
the inlet opening toward the at least one jet opening and blocks backflow of the washer fluid in a
second direction opposite from the first direction; and

a filter that is arranged in the fluid passage of the nozzle body between the inlet opening
and the check valve to filter the washer fluid, wherein:

the check valve is opposed to the filter; and

the fluid passage includes an enlarged passage section, which is located in the first
body part at a position adjacent to the filter on an upstream side of the filter and has a
passage cross sectional area greater than that of an adjacent upstream portion of the fluid
passage, which is located adjacent to the enlarged passage section on an upstream side of
the enlarged passage section.

21. (New) A washer nozzle for a washer system that washes a windshield, the washer
nozzle comprising:

a nozzle body that includes:

an inlet opening, from which washer fluid is inputted into the nozzle body;

at least one jet opening, from which the washer fluid is jetted out of the nozzle
body against the windshield; and

a fluid passage that communicates between the inlet opening and the at least one jet opening;

a filter that is arranged in the fluid passage of the nozzle body to filter the washer fluid;

a valve seat that is formed in the fluid passage of the nozzle body on a downstream side of the filter;

a check valve that is arranged on the downstream side of the filter in a corresponding portion of the fluid passage of the nozzle body and is displaceable relative to the valve seat in an axial direction of the corresponding portion of the fluid passage; and

a resilient element that urges the check valve against the valve seat in the axial direction toward the filter in such a manner that the check valve permits forward flow of the washer fluid in a first direction from the inlet opening toward the at least one jet opening and blocks backflow of the washer fluid in a second direction opposite from the first direction.

22. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 21, wherein the check valve is coaxial with respect to the filter.

23. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 21, wherein the check valve is arranged adjacent to the filter.

24. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 21, wherein the valve seat is formed as an annular protrusion, which surrounds the filter and protrudes away from the filter in the axial direction.

25. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 21, wherein the filter is formed integrally with the nozzle body from a resin material.

26. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 21, wherein:
the nozzle body includes a first body part and a second body part, which are formed separately and are connected together;
the first body part includes the inlet opening and a first part of the fluid passage; and
the second body part includes the at least one jet opening and a second part of the fluid passage.

27. (New) The washer nozzle according to claim 26, wherein the fluid passage includes an enlarged passage section, which is located in the first body part at a position adjacent to the filter on an upstream side of the filter and has a passage cross sectional area greater than that of an adjacent upstream portion of the fluid passage, which is located adjacent to the enlarged passage section on an upstream side of the enlarged passage section.